

A FERN FLORA OF THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO.¹—Two members of the American Fern Society, our Vice-President and Irving W. Knobloch, have produced an attractive book on the ferns and fern-allies of Chihuahua, Mexico. They include 138 species and infra-specific taxonomic entities, with each species illustrated with line drawings. These have been done accurately, show enlarged details of diagnostic value as well as habit sketches, and will be of aid to anyone wishing to identify a specimen from the area covered.

The first 13 pages consist of introductory discussions of a number of pertinent subjects and end with a section on how to use the keys. In the taxonomic section, which requires most of the book, each taxon recognized is given a technical description and keys to species and genera are provided in each case in which there is more than one species in a genus or two or more genera in a family. Statements about habitat, range, citation of literature pertinent to the taxon and a list of specimens examined from Chihuahua, are given with each species or lower taxon included.

An appendix contains suggestions about ferns known to grow in regions near the state and to be expected in Chihuahua; a map showing the major drainage systems and towns; and an alphabetically arranged list of localities from which ferns have been collected in Chihuahua. This gazetteer lists 157 localities, and gives the latitude and longitude of each to the nearest minute. A glossary and bibliography follow, and the index indicates valid names in roman type, synonyms in italics, and the page on which the main treatment of a taxon appears in bold face.

The book is bound in red buckram and lettered in gold on the face and spine. It is a book that will be useful to anyone interested in the ferns of Mexico and is highly recommended.—I.L.W.

¹ Ferns and Fern Allies of Chihuahua, Mexico. By Irving W. Knobloch and Donovan S. Correll. pp. XIV + 1-198, pls. 1-57 + frontispiece. Texas Research Foundation, Renner, Texas. Price \$10.